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Whereas it is expedient to frame BYE-LAWS for the Government of Chapter "Mysore" No. 31 G.C.I. originally established under Chapter of the English Constitution now opted to and continued under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of India under "Chapter" dated the 22nd day of November 1963 appended hereto, and accordingly revised and framed as follows :—

1. **Name.** The name of the Chapter has been and shall continue to be Chapter "Mysore" No. 31 G.C.I. on the register of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of India.

2. **Members.** The subscribing members of the Chapter are of two classes: Resident and Non-Resident Resident Members are those who reside within the Municipal limits of the City of Mysore, while Non-Resident members are those who reside outside the said limits.

3. **Honorary Members.** The Chapter if it chooses to acknowledge the services rendered by a Companion or Companions to Royal Arch Masonry in



general or to this Chapter in particular, elect him or them as an Honorary Member or Members provided that the votes of Members present and voting at a regular convocation are unanimous in his or their favour.

A subscribing member or members who continue to be members of this Chapter uninterruptedly for thirty years or more may be elected as Honorary Member or Members if he or they so desire.

4 (a) **Place of Regular Meeting.** The Chapter Convocation shall be held in the Freemasons' Convocation Hall, Statue Square, Mysore once a quarter.

(b) The Convocation of this Chapter shall be held on the third Saturday in the months of January, April, July and October except during Dasara Season (if in October) when the said Convocation may be held on any day not beyond one week before or after the third Saturday.

5. **Emergent Convocation.** An Emergent Convocation may be summoned by the First Principal or other Principals with seven days clear notice to members. The reason for convening such Convocation shall be stated in the summons and no other business shall be transacted at such emergent meeting Convocation other than mentioned in the summons.

6. **Election of Officers.** The three Principals and the Janitor shall be elected at the Convocation in

*and the Treasurer.*

October and the Installation of the Principals shall take place at the Regular Convocation in January.

7. **Appointment of Officers.** The Principal shall appoint Scribe E., Scribe N., Treasurer, Director, of Ceremonies, Principal Sojourner, First and Second Assistant Sojourners, Assistant Director of Ceremonies Organist, Steward and other Officers, on the day of Installation of the Principals and invest the Officers in January.

8. The members shall pay their quarterly subscriptions in advance at the following rates:—

Resident members	Rs. 4-00	<del>6-00</del> 15/-
Non-Resident Members	„ 2-00	<del>3-00</del> 10/-

*Comes into force from*

9. The fee to be paid for exaltation including EXALTATION & JOINING Grand Chapter Registry and Certificate, and also for joining, shall be as follows:—

Exaltation	Rs. 35-00	<del>200/-</del>
Joining	„ 20-00	<del>100/-</del>

Joining from a sister constitution „ 30-00 ~~100/-~~  
*Other Constitution - 150/-*

10. **Admission.** No brother shall be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree or be admitted a member of this Chapter if two black balls appear against him in the ballot.



**11. Resignation.** Any member desirous of resigning his membership of the Chapter may tender his resignation in writing or personally in the office of Chapter and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in Rule 74 of the Book of Royal Arch Regulations.

**12. Exclusion.** Any member whose dues to the Chapter remain unpaid for more than four quarters shall after due notice being given to him be liable to be excluded and his name reported to the Grand Superintendent of the Region and the Grand Scribe E.

**13. Permanent Committee.** There shall be a Permanent Committee consisting of the three Principals, two Scribes, Treasurer, Principle Sojourner, all the past First Principals and two Companions appointed by the Chapter. The Committee shall meet on the day of and before the Regular Convocation. Four members will form the quorum.

**14. Audit of Accounts.** A Committee of two members shall also be appointed by the Chapter annually in October to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the previous twelve months and shall present a report thereon to the Chapter at the Installation Convocation.

**15. Scribe E.** The Scribe E. shall maintain a list of members according to the forms prescribed by the

Royal Arch Regulations. He shall issue summonses and record the minutes of all Convocations and committees of the Chapter read at each Regular Convocation, the minutes of the preceeding Convocation and of the subsequent Emergent Convocation if any. He is to take particular care of the records of the Chapter and see that several documents issued by him are in due and proper form.

**16. Summonses.** All summonses shall be issued by Scribe E. under the order of the First Principal or Officer in charge of the Chapter at least seven days previous to the day of Convocation.

**17. Janitor.** The Janitor, if a serving Companion, shall receive such sum every month as the Chapter may deem proper for his services.

**18. Property of the Chapter.** All the property which the Chapter "Mysore" possesses now or hereafter shall be deemed to vest in the Principals of the Chapter in trust for the members thereof for the time being. Ultimately, the entire property shall vest in Lodge "Mysore" No. 34 G.L.I.

**19. By-Laws.** Addition, alteration or amendment to the foregoing By-Laws, or any of them, can be effected only by a formal resolution of the Chapter. Notices of such propositions must be given in writing to the Scribe E. for insertion in the summons at least fourteen days before the Convocation at which the



propositions are to be discussed. The addition, alteration or amendment, if agreed to, shall not take effect until it has been confirmed at the next Regular Convocation and approved by the Most Excellent the Grand Superintendent and M.E, First Grand Principal.

**20. General.** In all respects the members of Chapter shall abide by, and strictly conform to the laws and regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, as embodied in the Royal Arch Regulations

#### BYE-LAW COMMITTEE

1. E.Comp. J. B. KUMARARADHYA, J.  
( *Chairman* )
2. „ S. GUNDU RAO, P.Z.
3. „ N. N. Belliappa, P.Z.

Approved by the M.E. First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of India.

(*Sd.*) P. M. Sundaram,  
*Grand Scribe E.*

## THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF INDIA

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR MOST EXCELLENT,  
EXCELLENT AND LOVING COMPANIONS.

KNOW BE THAT CHAPTER MYSORE No. 1841 ON THE ROLL OF THE SUPREME CHAPTER OF ENGLAND / THE SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF IRELAND having opted for the SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIA, we by the authority and under the sanction of the SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIA vested in us for that purpose do hereby sanction and confirm that the said Chapter shall be constituted a Chapter of our Order under the title or denomination of Chapter Mysore No. 31 on the rolls of the SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIA.

By virtue of this Chapter the said Chapter shall be deemed to be a FOUNDATION CHAPTER of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

The original Charter/Warrant of the said Chapter issued by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England / Ireland was dated 6th November 1935.

The said CHAPTER shall count its years of existance under its previous Chapter / Warrant when making claims for Centenary Jewel under the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

The said Chapter shall meet at Freemasons' Hall, Mysore on the 3rd Saturday in January, April, July and October, with such privileges, powers and immunities as do of rights belong to regular, established Chapters and Companions of our said Most Excellent Order, subject nevertheless to the General Laws and Ordinances already are or to be hereafter enacted by our Most Excellent Grand and Royal Chapter.

Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, and pending the formulation of the necessary provisions to cover the Mark and other Degrees, in due course, the said Chapter shall be permitted to continue the work those Degrees only which formerly were permitted under the Regulations then governing their working.

*Given under the Seal of Our Grand and Royal Chapter This Twenty-Second day of November 1963 corresponding to 1st Agrahayana 1885 Saka Era.*

(Sd.) P. M. Sundaram,  
Grand Scribe E.